

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18934

The legislation clarifies that the Swan Falls Agreement does not preclude use of water for aquifer recharge by removing the reference to the Swan Falls Agreement in Idaho Code § 42-234 and repealing Idaho Code § 42-4201A. This legislation consolidates into Idaho Code § 42-234 the authority provided to the director of the department of water resources by Idaho Code § 42-4201A over the appropriation and diversion of water for recharge, and the operation of aquifer recharge projects. This legislation affirms that ground water recharge rights will be issued in compliance with Idaho law and the state water plan, and that the director may regulate the methods of operation of recharge projects to prevent the creation of conditions adverse to the beneficial use of water under existing water rights.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation imposes no fiscal burden on the general fund.

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